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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, line 17 with the following new paragraph.

As shown in greater detail in FIGS. 5(a) and 5(b)-5(c), pusher element 140 comprises a generally H-shaped element having sidewalls 142 and a horizontal cross-wall 139. A portion of sidewalls 142 proximal to the conveying means, such as endless conveyor chain 130, are configured for attachment to the conveying means. As illustrated in FIG. [[3]] 2, holes 160 are provided in sidewalls 142 to permit connection (such as by pinning 161, adhesives, bonding, or suitable welding techniques) of the sidewalls 142 to elements 143 which replace the outermost elements 131 of a conveying chain 130. Alternately, sidewalls 142 themselves may be formed for direct connection to the chain 130.